
Division of Family and Economic Security (DFES)
Bureau of Working Families (BWF)
Governor's Executive Budget Bill 2015 – 2017

Proposed Changes to Statutory Language

Topic	Statutory Reference	Governor's Proposal and Actions taken by the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF)
Authority to Collect Overpayments of EA	49.138(5)* 49.195(title) 49.195(3) 49.85(1) & (2)(b) 71.93(1)(a)4	Authorizes the collection of EA overpayments. No action by the JCF.
Expansion of Learnfare	49.141(1) 49.26(1)(gm)1.d*	Requires a child subject to the school attendance requirement and whose W-2 group includes an individual who has been unable to participate in W-2 activities due to the child's school-related problems to participate in the Learnfare program case management. No action by the JCF.
Community Steering Committees	49.143(2) 49.147(4)(at) 49.147(5)(bt)	Changes CSC requirements to make them more useful to agencies and fit with W-2 service delivery model. No action by the JCF.
Limit on Time in W-2 Employment	49.145(2)(n)1 & 3	Reduces time limit on participating in or receiving benefits under W-2 programs to 48 months and adjusts the state extension policy. JCF adopted the governor's recommendation.
Payment of Wage Subsidies	49.147(3)(ac) 49.163(3)(a)3 & 4	Allows agencies to negotiate wage subsidies paid to employers in the TEMP program that are below the minimum wage. JCF adopted the governor's recommendation.
Refusal to Participate	49.151(1) 49.151(1m) 49.1515(1)	Clarifies when and how sanctions for refusing to participate would be utilized. No action by the JCF.
Notice Before Taking W-2	49.153	Eliminates notice before taking actions that would reduce a W-2 benefit payment by 20% more.

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Actions		JCF adopted Alternative 2 to modify the Governor's recommendation. Notice requirements still apply for actions based on sanctions, but would not be required for actions related to eligibility criteria.
Drug Testing and Treatment	49.159 49.162* 49.163(2)(am)7* 49.36(3)(a) 49.36(3m)	<p>Requires a drug screening, testing and treatment as a condition of eligibility for every individual who applies for the Transform Milwaukee Jobs program, Transitional Jobs program, or W-2 services and benefits for noncustodial parents.</p> <p>JCF adopted Motion #455, which provides funding to pay for the costs of substance abuse treatment.</p>
Transitional Jobs Expansion	49.163(2)(a) 49.175(1)(k)	<p>Requires DCF to establish a Transform Milwaukee Jobs program in Milwaukee County as well as additional counties if funding is available.</p> <p>No action by the JCF.</p>

*New statute created